

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct for grammatical and spelling errors resulting from the direct translation of the PCT application. The specification has also been amended to include appropriate headings to the specification.

The claims have also been amended to comply with U.S. patent claim format, specifically amending "characterized in that" to "comprising". Additionally, the claims have been amended to provide proper antecedent basis.

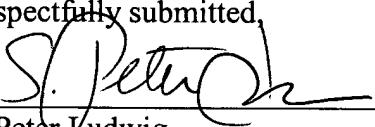
The drawing has been replaced with an amended drawing translating the details from German to English.

Support for all amendment are found in the original specification. No new matter is added by these amendment.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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